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Ms. Jenifer French
Chair, Ohio Power Citing Board
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Oak Run Solar Project, LLC. Case Number 22-0549-EL-BGN

Dear Ms. French:

I am writing on behalf of the members of IBEW Local Union 683. IBEW Local 683's work jurisdiction covers Madison County, and there are 63 members of Local 683 that are themselves residents of Madison County. Members of Local 683 perform a wide variety of jobs including construction and utility work. Our members dedicate their entire careers to performing this type of work, and Local 683 places a significant emphasis on training the next generation of electrical workers. IBEW Local Union 683 strongly supports solar development, and the Oak Run project.

I recognize the critical role that solar energy can play in ensuring the resiliency of our electric grid and have seen firsthand the benefits that projects like these bring to the local communities that host them. Members of IBEW 683 are excited to have opportunities to work close to home, allowing them to return to their families for dinner after a hard day's work.

The Oak Run Solar project alone will create several hundreds of jobs during construction. This is an opportunity that our members are eager to compete for. More than this, our members and their families are excited to benefit from the significant new tax revenue that these projects will bring to our schools and our communities. For these reasons, we are also strong supporters of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program as it ensures the variety of benefits are realized locally, and because it requires that 80% of the workforce consists of Ohioans.

IBEW takes great pride in our ability to provide our members with a family-sustaining wage, including pension and retirement benefits, in a skilled trade that can deliver a fulfilling career. We would be happy to host you for a tour of training facility if you'd like to learn more about the IBEW and our perspective on solar energy projects. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Patrick Hook
Business Manager
IBEW Local Union 683

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